

Notwithstanding, this branch of medical knowledge still holds a subordinate position in the teachings of our medical colleges. This is all the more surprising if we consider that it is equal if not of greater value than the giving of pills and potions.

Dr. Black in his interesting book presents the subject in a clear and practical manner; and the technical features are sufficiently simplified to be readily understood by the layman. It is a "Book for Everybody." Free use of the publications of the United States Department of Agriculture has been made. Thus the excellent tables on the composition and food values of a number of American foods, are taken from Dr. Atwater's lists. We have been well impressed with Dr. Black's work; physicians may read it with advantage to themselves and their patients.

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**Human Sexuality. A Medico-Literary Treatise on the Laws, Anomalies, and Relations of Sex, with special reference to Contrary Sexual Desire.** By J. Richardson Parke, Sc. B., Ph. G., M. D. Professional Publishing Co., Philadelphia, 1906.

This book is noted editorially in the present issue. All claim for consideration as a scientific treatise is forfeited by the inability of the author to resist a spirit of flippancy which at times is almost indecent. One quotation will suffice. Speaking of infibulation, or the practice of putting a padlock through the labia to insure chastity, the author says: "The latter practice, from its undoubted efficacy, suggests reviving and making it a portion of our modern sacrament of marriage. It ought to prove a source of wonderful comfort to the jealous young

husband to know that the frisky organ, which he possesses a not unnatural desire to retain exclusive control of, is securely locked, and the key in his vest pocket."

**The Modern Materia Medica.** Published by the Druggists Circular, 100 William street, New York City, 1906.

This little volume is intended to give a list of the newer additions to the materia medica, with their source, chemical and physical properties, therapeutic action, dosage, etc. It is a very handy little volume and its value and usefulness will be greatly enhanced by the forthcoming work on "New and Non-Official Remedies," to be published by the American Medical Association. Of course there are many more articles in the book under discussion than will be given in the latter publication. The two together, however, should make an ideal pair of reference books when questions concerning the newer preparations present themselves. This book finds frequent use in the Journal office and is gratefully acknowledged.

#### "GREAT AMERICAN FRAUD."

The series of articles by Samuel Hopkins Adams, which appeared under this title in Collier's Weekly, have been reprinted in pamphlet form by the American Medical Association. Copies may be had for six cents, which should be sent to the Association, 103 Dearborn Avenue, Chicago. Every physician should have one or two copies of this pamphlet on his waiting room table.

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